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What is claimed is:

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1. A method of designing paint for a server computer, comprising the steps of:
- acquiring color numerical information of a designated color from a client computer connected to the
- 10 server computer;
- determining ingredients of the paint based on the acquired color numerical information and paint ingredient information;
- 15 predicting performances of the ingredient-determined paint based on paint performance prediction information; and
- verifying the predicted performances of the ingredient-determined paint.
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2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of converting color information corresponding to a color into the color numerical
- 25 information.
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3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the client computer has a three dimensional color display unit through which the designated color is input.

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4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ingredients of the paint are determined by computer color matching.

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5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of painting workability, coating film performance, and paint performance is predicted as the performance of the ingredient-determined paint.

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6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the color numerical information acquired from the client computer is one of a multi angle spectral reflection factor and a various angle spectral reflection factor.

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7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of verifying the predicted performances of the ingredient-determined paint further comprises the step of representing goodness of fit with discrete value between required performances and the predicted performances of the ingredient-determined paint.

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8. A method of producing paint, comprising
the steps of:

designing the paint as claimed in claim 1;

and

5 producing the ingredient-determined paint.

10 9. A method of mixing paint ingredients at a
painting line side based on the determined ingredients
thereby to form the ingredient-determined paint as claimed
in claim 1.

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10. A method of painting an object with the
produced paint as claimed in claim 8.

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11. A method of painting an object with the
25 mixed paint as claimed in claim 9.

30 12. A computer program for causing a
computer to perform the method of designing paint as
claimed in claim 1.

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13. A computer readable recording medium storing the computer program as claimed in claim 12.

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14. A server computer, comprising:
an acquiring unit that acquires color
numerical information of a designated color from a client
10 computer connected to the server computer;
a determining unit that determines
ingredients of the paint based on the acquired color
numerical information and paint ingredient information;
a predicting unit that predicts performances
15 of the ingredient-determined paint based on paint
performance prediction information; and
a verifying unit that verifies the predicted
performances of the ingredient-determined paint.

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15. The server computer as claimed in claim
14, further comprising a converting unit that converts
25 color information corresponding to a color into the color
numerical information.

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16. The server computer as claimed in claim
14, wherein said verifying unit computes goodness of fit
of the predicted performances of the ingredient-determined

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paint with reference to required performances stored in a database, and represents the goodness of fit with discrete values.